

Instructions and Data Form for Local Authority Having Jurisdiction to Submit Adjustments to Default Outdoor Lighting Zones

Adjustments to Default Outdoor Lighting Zones

A local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may officially adopt changes to the default Outdoor Lighting Zone designation of an area by following a public process that allows for formal public notification, review, and comment about the proposed change. For example, the AHJ may determine areas where Outdoor Lighting Zone 4 is applicable and may increase or decrease the Outdoor Lighting Zones for areas that are in State Default Outdoor Lighting Zones 1, 2 and 3, as specified in Table 10-114-A of the Standards.

The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) is the local governmental agency with the authority to adopt adjustments to default Outdoor Lighting Zones. This may be the local building, zoning, or planning board, or other governmental agency responsible for the municipal general plan or local zoning regulations.

An AHJ who adopts changes to the State Default Outdoor Lighting Zones shall notify the Commission by providing the following materials to the Executive Director:

1. Documentation establishing that the party submitting the notification to the Energy Commission is the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).
2. A detailed specification of the boundaries of the adopted Outdoor Lighting Zones, consisting of the county name, the city name if any, the zip code(s) of the redesignated areas, and a description of the physical boundaries within each zip code.

Examples provided on the next page.

3. A description of the public process that was conducted in adopting the Outdoor Lighting Zone changes, including the dates and publication used for the formal public notification, an explanation of the process conducted to allow review and comment, and a copy of the adopted resolution made by the AHJ.

Example: Public notice posted in local newspaper on 6/6/10 (state the name(s) of the newspaper), written comments accepted through 7/6/04, adoption meeting of the Board of Supervisors conducted on 7/11/04, adopted by Board of Supervisors after public discussion.

4. An explanation of how the adopted Outdoor Lighting Zone changes are consistent with the specifications of Section 10-114.

Example: A public process was conducted as required by Section 10-114 (c). Table 10-114-A allows special districts and government designated parks within a default LZ3 zone to be designated as LZ2 by the authority having jurisdiction.

The Commission has the authority to not allow Outdoor Lighting Zone changes which the Commission finds to be inconsistent with the specifications of Section 10-114 of the Standards.

Examples for Defining Physical Boundaries

Using Metes and bounds is a good method to use for defining the physical boundaries of an adopted Lighting Zone.

Metes and bounds is a system that uses physical features of the local geography, along with directions and distances, to define and describe the boundaries of a parcel of land. The boundaries are described in a running prose style, working around the parcel of the land in sequence, from a point of beginning, returning back to the same point. The term “metes” refers to a boundary defined by the measurement of each straight run, specified by a distance between the terminal points, and an orientation or direction. The term “bounds” refers to a more general boundary descriptions, such as along a certain watercourse or public road way.

Following are examples of using metes and bounds to define the physical boundaries of an adopted Lighting Zone:

- Properties with frontage on Mazi Memorial Expressway, between Hana Avenue and Elizabeth Street to a depth of 50 ft from each frontage property line.
- The area 500 ft east of Interstate 5, from 500 ft north of Gary Ave to 250 ft south of West William Way.
- The area of the Sara Bike Trail starting at Chris Avenue and going east to Eurlyne Park, the width of a path which is from the edge of the South Fork of the Payam River on one side, to 100 ft beyond the paved bike trail, or to private property lines, whichever is shorter, on the other side.
- The area that is bounded by the Nelson River on the West, Hudler Lane on the south, Jon Road on the east, and the boundary of Beverly County on the north.

Note: The physical boundaries of a changed Lighting Zone are not required to coincide with the physical boundaries of a census tract.

A copy of the attached data form, *Adjustments to Outdoor Lighting Zones*, shall be completed and submitted to:

By Mail	or by FAX	or by email
Gary Flamm California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS 37 Sacramento, CA 95814-5504	916-654-4304	gflamm@energy.state.ca.us

Adjustments to Outdoor Lighting Zones Data Form

Instructions: This Data Form shall be submitted only by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to make adjustments to the outdoor lighting zones. Please fill out the following information and submit to the California Energy Commission.

Information about the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)		
Name of city, county, special district, etc.		
Address		

Authorized representative of the AHJ submitting this data form		
Name of Contact	Phone Number	Position

Information about the public process		
County Name	City Name	A description of the public process that was conducted

Description of the adjustments to Outdoor Lighting Zones (OLZ)			
Zip Code	Outdoor Lighting Zone		Description of the Physical Boundaries of Adopted OLZ
	Default	Adopted	

How are the adopted Lighting Zone changes consistent with the specifications in the Standards